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SUB: EC-NINE CONSIDERATION OF DEFENSE RELATED ISSUES

1. IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON BURDEN-SHARING AND US
TROOP ISSUES (SEPTTEL), DEVER (FONOFF NATO SECTION CHIEF)
SPOKE BRIEFLY OF THE ROLE OF EC-NINE IN ONGOING DISCUSSIONS OF
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DEFENSE MATTERS. SHE REMARKED THAT KEEPING SOME DEFENSE ISSUES

BEFORE THE NINE WAS A WAY IN WHICH THE FRENCH MIGHT BE SMOKED OUT ON THEIR INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE. OTHERS IN THE NINE WERE STILL TRYING TO GET THE FRENCH TO SHED MORE LIGHT ON JOBERT'S REMARKS OF JUNE 19 (PARIS 17069). SHE ADDED THAT HAVING DEFENSE ISSUES ON THE NINE'S AGENDA MIGHT CONCEIVABLY PERMIT THE FRENCH TO PARTICIPATE IN CURRENT BURDEN-SHARING DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT ASSOCIATING THEMSELVES WITH EITHER NATO MILITARY DISCUSSIONS OR THE EUROGROUP.

2. DEVER SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE NINE ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR WERE GENERATED PRINCIPALLY BY THE FRENCH, WHO CONTINUE TO SEE DANGERS IN THE AGREEMENT. SHE SAID THAT THE STATEMENTS BY FRG MINISTERS LEBER AND SCHEEL EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE AGREEMENT WERE USEFUL FOR EUROPEAN PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, BUT ADDED THAT CERTAIN QUESTIONS REMAIN IN SOME NATO COUNTRIES. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT SUCH "QUESTION" DEVER RECALLED THE EARLIER ALLIED CONCERNS ABOUT INADEQUATE US CONSULTATION ON THE US-SOVIET DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND CONCEDED THAT THE CONTINUING UNEASINESS WAS ATTRIBUTABLE MORE TO THE ISSUE OF CONSULTATION

THAN TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT ITSELF. (DEVER IS FULLY FAMILIAR FROM PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH US STATEMENTS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT AND WITH OUR REASSURANCES THAT US COMMITMENTS TO THE ALLIANCE WERE NOT AFFECTED.)
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